The Mile in Many Countries

The English mile, also used in this country, measures 1,760 yards, or 5.280 feet. But the mile of foreign countries varies almost as much as the language, so that traveling a mile is one thing either shorter or longer, in other countries. The French system of the "kilometer," or 1,000 meters is also used in Belgium and Holland.

To cyclers and others traveling in those countriestkilometer-equal to 1,091 yards -is used as mile meas-

But Chinese have the easiest time of all in making a mile record, their mile being only 609 yards. In Nor way and Sweden the mile is 11,690 yards, in Germany it equals three Engish miles. Other differences are: talian, 2,025 yards; Portuguese 2,-Austria,8,297, and Denmark

Bullfighting In Spain.

The Spaniard in extenuation of the bullfight as a national sport will tell you that the central idea is to display iee courage and dexterity of the men

The bull is more than a match for the man, it is acknowledged. The bull has strength, ferocity and sharp horns, the man only a slender sword.

It is essential that the bull should be killed with but one single stroke, given while the swordsman, the espa da, faces him. This stroke must al so be delivered in one special spot, behind the shouldere, to penetrate the heart. Should it glance and strike the lungs instead. so that the bull will drop blood from his mouth the audience is disgusted and expresses its displeasure. All this is delicate and dangerous work and requires preperation to make couditions rqual for both parties.

A West Indian Bath,

In the West Indies a lemon bath is almost a daily luxury. Three or four limes or lemons are sliced into the water and allowed to lie for half an hour in order that the juice may be extracted. A remarkable sense of freshness and cleanliness is given to the skin.

Silver Buckles.

A Kentucky editor said silver buckles were becoming fashionable on garters, and he hoped to see more and the only woman in town who had silver buckles on her garters cow hided the poor editor until he was as raw as a potato.

Bad Time For Foolishness.

Doubtless Germany will find trouble in plenty in the Philippines if she goes out there; she could discover enough to suit her purposes much nearer home if she were so disposed.

This is a bad time for any German meddling with American in that part of the world-Frem New York Mail and Express .-

The royal palace at Madrid is one of the most beautiful structures in the world, being built by an Italiau arch tect in the early part of the last century, at a cost of \$5,000,000 and was intended to be a rival to the French palace at Versailles. The matrial is white marble. It is 470 feet each way, with a court 240 feet square, roofed with glass. Few places are more tiresome to visit than palaces with their long rows of gorgeously decorated chambers, gilt furniture and everlasting mirrors, but the Casa Real at Madrid is very interesting, and contains a remarkable library of 100,000 volumes also priceless papers, pictures, bronze and marble

A clergymen preached a rather long sermon from the text. "Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting." After the congregation had listened about an hour some one be gan to get weary and went out; others soon followed, greatly to the annoyande of the minister. Another person started whereupon the minister stopped his sermon and said: "That is right, gentlemen. As fast as you are weighed pass out!" He continued his sermon some time after that.but no one disturbed him by leaving.

The steam power of the world may be reckoned as equivalent to the strength of 1,000,000,000 men, which is more than twice the number of work men existing.

The wall-flower at a ball is often the only girl present that can bake

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BREVITIES OF FUN.

Two Points of View .- "You, sir," said the poet, "are a bad judge of poetry." "I, sir," retorted the editor, 'am a judge of bad poetry."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

She-"You don't see as many women cyclists wearing bloomers as you used to." He-"No; I guess they are afraid of being enlisted."-Yonkers Statesman.

A Half Memory .- Teacher-"Who discovered America?" Street Gamin ure. The Spanish mile is 1,522 yards (after deep thought)-"I disrememand the Russian only 1.167 yards. ber his name, but he was a Dago."-N. Y. Weekly.

A Recommendation .- Mrs. Newed (engaging cook)—"Have you had much experience?" Cook—"Well, mum, I've worked for tin families in th' lasht two wakes."-Harlem Life.

"A strange woman rang our bell today, and asked me to lend her an umbrella." "Did she offer any security?" "Yes; she said I was just as apt to get it back as if I lent it to somebody I knew."-Puck.

In War Times.—Johnny (reading)
-"Say, grandpa, what does the three r's mean?" Grandpa-"When I was a boy it meant reading, 'riting, and 'rithmatic." Johnny (disgustedly)-"Pshaw! I thought it meant Rossevelt's Rough Riders." - Brooklyn

Their Style of Ammunition-"Did you say you found a large amount of fighting equipment on that newspaper man?" asked the Spanish officer. "Yes, sir. There were enough lead pencils and blank paper to have enabled us to win half a dozen victories." -Washington Star.

Taking No Chances .- Mrs. Wick wire-"If you could stop drinking if you chose, why don't you choose?" Weary Watkins-"Missis, I had a second cousin out west who had his eye shot out for refusin' a drink, an' I don't want to take no chances of meet-in' his sad fate."—Indianapolis Jour-

At the Reception .- Giddy Young Thing-"Do you know that as Hamlet you reminded me very much of Booth?" Eminent Young Tragedian -"Ah, indeed?" Giddy Young Thing-"Yes; your costume was almost exactly like the one he used to wear when he played that part."-Chicago Daily News.

SCHOOLBOY DEFINITIONS.

Odd Collections of Latin and Greek An swers of a London Teacher.

English schoolboys are put into of them. His wife sued for divorce Latin and Greek at an early age, and such trifles as arithmetic, history and geography are left for later years. A teacher in a London school has collected the following gems in the way of definitions that make us wender what text books the boys could have

> Esau was a man who wrote fables, and who sold the copyright to a publisher for a bottle of potash.

Titus was a Roman emperor, supposed to have written the "Epistle of the Hebrews." His other name was

Oliver Cromwell was a man who was put into prison for his interference in Ireland. When he was in prison he wrote "The Pilgrim's Progress," and married a lady called Mrs.

Wolsey was a famous general who fought in the Crimean war, and who, after being decapitated several times, said to Cromyell: "Ah, if I had only served you as you have served me, I would not have been deserted in my old age!"

Wesley was the founder of the Wesleyan chapel, who was afterward called Lord Wellington. A monument was erected to him in Hyde Park, but it has been taken down

Hamlet was weakminded; fond of study. But was too weak to fulfill his duty which the ghost had told him. He was very good to his mother. He profanes madness, he really only puts it on, but some people say he was mad. One day when he was fighting, the king asked him if he would have something to drink, and he had put poison in it, and Hamlet said he would wait, the queen took it and then she falls down dead. Hamlet immediately stabs his father and drinks the poison and dies.

Explain the words fort and fortress. A fort is a place to put men in, and a fortress a place to put women in.

The two chief volcanoes in Europe? Sodom and Gomorrah. - Golden

Paying the Penalty of Greatness.

"How's your brother, Tommy?" "Ill in bed, miss; he's hurt him-

"How did he do that?"

"We were playing at who could lean farthest out of a railway carriage window, and he won."-Stray

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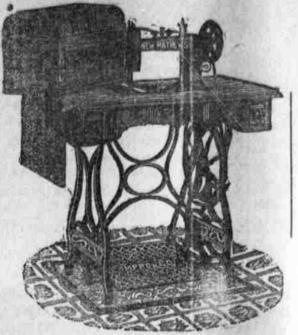
It seems strange that the product of the still should make men so noisy.

The cloth of the old Egyptians was so good that, although it has been used for thousands of years as wrappings of the mummies, the Arabs of to-day wear it. It is all of linen, the ancient Egyptians considering wool unclean.—Leisure Hours.

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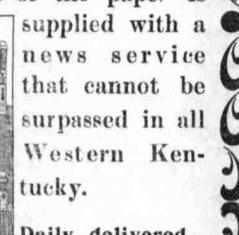
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